

writing requests the Commissioner so to do. The public body shall specify in the call for bids or proposals for the contract what is the prevailing hourly rate of wages, including the prevailing rate of wages for overtime work, in the locality for the various classifications of workmen and apprentices needed to execute the contract.

(b) It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the specified rates to all workmen and apprentices employed by them in the execution of the contract. The public body awarding the contract shall cause to be inserted in the contract a stipulation to the effect that not less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages shall be paid to all workmen and apprentices performing work under the contract. It shall also require in all the contractor's bonds that the contractor include such provisions as will guarantee the faithful performance of the prevailing hourly wage clause as provided by contract. It shall be the duty of such public body awarding the contract, and its agents and officers, to take cognizance of all complaints of all violations of the provisions of this law committed in the course of the execution of the contract, and, when making payments to the contractor becoming due under said contract, to withhold, and retain therefrom, all sums and amounts due and owing as a result of any violation hereof.

(c) The provisions of this subtitle shall not apply to public works if the federal government or any of its agencies furnishes by loan or grant all or any part of the funds used in the construction of such public works, provided the public works require a prevailing wage determination by the United States Secretary of Labor. If only a portion of a particular public work or public works requires a prevailing wage determination by the United States Secretary of Labor, the provisions of this subtitle shall apply to the remainder of said public work or public works. However, in the event that the provisions of the federal Davis-Bacon Act are suspended as authorized by Section 6 of said Act, then the Governor may suspend the provisions of this subtitle during the period of such suspension of the Davis-Bacon Act with respect to any public work or public works upon which the United States Secretary of Labor would have been required to make a prevailing wage determination and, if so suspended by the Governor, the provisions of this subtitle shall not be applicable to such public work or public works, provided that if only a portion of a particular public work or public works requires a prevailing wage determination by the United States Secretary of Labor, the Governor may suspend the provisions of this subtitle with respect to that portion only or with respect to the entire particular public work or public works in his discretion.

(d) The Commissioner, from time to time, shall investigate and determine the prevailing hourly rate of wages in the localities. Each prevailing wage determination for a classification of workers in a locality shall remain in effect for the locality for a period of not more than nor less than one